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SUBJ: HEROIN IN VIETNAM

STATE FOR SS/ N: BNDD FOR DURKIN AND BELK

1. SO FAR, THE WITHDRAWAL OF U. S. MILITARY PERSONNEL HAS NOT RESULTED IN ANY APPRECIABLE CHANGE IN THE PRICE OR QUALITY OF HEROIN IN VIETNAM. NUMBER 4 HEROIN CONTINUES TO BE READILY AVAILABLE AT U. S. \$1.68 TO \$2.10 PER 70 MILLIGRAM BAG. SMALL HEAT SEALED GLASSINE PACKETS HAVE REPLACED THE PLASTIC VIALS WHICH WERE UNIQUE TO VIETNAM. HEROIN CONTINUES TO BE AVAILABLE IN KILO QUANTITIES. THERE HAS BEEN NO NOTICEABLE CHANGE IN QUALITY. THE LAST INTELLIGENCE BUY BY BNDD DURING MARCH, 1973, WAS ANALYZED AS 89 PERCENT IMPURE HEROIN HYDROCHLORIDE UNCUT. VIETNAMESE LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND EDUCATORS ARE BECOMING INCREASINGLY CONCERNED ABOUT THE GROWING DRUG ABUSE PROBLEM AMONG YOUNG VIETNAMESE AND WITHIN ARVN. THE NATIONAL POLICE COMMAND ESTIMATES THERE ARE ABOUT 20 TO 30 THOUSAND HEROIN USERS IN VIETNAM. THIS IS MERELY AN EDUCATED ESTIMATE AND NOT BASED UPON STATISTICS.

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